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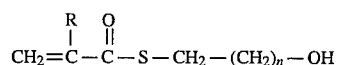
above set forth together with other inherent advantages.

It will be understood that certain features and subcombinations are of utility and may be employed without reference to other features and subcombinations. This is contemplated by and is within the scope of the claims.

Since many possible embodiments may be made of the invention without departing from the scope thereof, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A compound of the general formula:



wherein:

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R is hydrogen or methyl; and

n is 1, 2 or 3.

2. The compound as set forth in claim 1, wherein R is hydrogen or methyl and n is 1 or 2.

3. The compound as set forth in claim 1, wherein R is methyl and n is 1.

4. The compound as set forth in claim 1, wherein the compound is S-(2-hydroxyethyl) thiomethacrylate, S-(2-hydroxyethyl) thioacrylate, S-(3-hydroxy-n-propyl) thiomethacrylate, S-(3-hydroxy-n-propyl) thioacrylate, S-(4-hydroxy-n-butyl) thiomethacrylate or S-(4-hydroxy-n-butyl) thioacrylate.

5. The compound as set forth in claim 1, wherein the compound is S-(2-hydroxyethyl) thiomethacrylate or S-(2-hydroxyethyl) thioacrylate.

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